1	2	3	4
11.	High Altitude Allowance for Armed Forces	For altitude of 9000 to 15000 feet.	Rs. 1060/- per month.
		Above 15,000 feet	Rs. 16,00 per month.
12.	Special Compensatory Highly Active Field Area Allowance for Armed Forces	Whole of India	Rs. 42,00/- per month.
13.	Special Island (Duty) Allowance for Armed Forces	Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands.	Rs. 3250/- per month.

III. Allowances received by citizens of India working abroad.

Section 10(7) of the Income tax Act, provide exemption in respect of any allowance or perquisites paid or allowed as such outside India by the Government to a citizen of India for rendering services outside India.

Financial assistance by Rashtriya Awaas Bank in UP and Delhi

2963. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by the Rashtriya Awaas Bank to the people of Uttar Pradesh and Delhi for construction of houses during the last three years; and

(b) the achievement made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Rashtriya Awaas Bank [National Housing Bank (NHB)] does not provide direct financial assistance to the individual borrowers. However, NHB have extended re-finance assistance, to the Prime Lending Institutions in respect of housing loans provided by them, of Rs. 5097.01 crores in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Rs. 3544.81 crores in Delhi during the last three years *i.e.* 1998-99 to 2000-2001.

(b) The scheme-wise assistance given by the Government during last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Schemes	Amount	
	U.P.	Delhi
Golden Jubilee Rural Housing Finance Scheme	85.60	19.41
Indira Awaas Yojana	725.89	—
Credit-cum-Subsidy Scheme for Rural Housing	7.6	—
Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development	3.19	—
Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana	50.45	1.85

Concurrent audits for projects in NER

2964. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the newly created Department for Development of North East Region has written to CAG to conduct concurrent audits for projects in North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Department got a clearance from the Ministry of Finance in this regard; and

(c) whether CAG has already started to conduct concurrent audits as per Government's request and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of National Rural Bank of India

†2965. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.